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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING)
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.